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SUBJ: LOS: SUBCOMMITTEE I MEETING, JULY 12

1. SC I BRIEFLY DISCUSSED PROCEDURAL MATTERS. CHAIRMAN ENGO URGED THAT WORK BE CARRIED OUT IN INFORMAL ATMOSPHERE AND THAT WORKING GROUP (WG) TRY TO RESOLVE ISSUES BY IDENTIFYING THOSE QUESTIONS ON WHICH THERE IS AGREEMENT, THOSE ON WHICH THERE IS AGREEMENT IN SUBSTANCE BUT NOT ON FORM AND FINALLY, THOSE WHERE THERE ARE BASIC DISAGREEMENTS. HE STATED SEABED COMMITTEE MUST PRODUCE DOCUMENT IN WHICH ALTERNATIVE TEXTS ARE ASSEMBLED AND ON WHICH LOS CONFERENCE CAN MAKE POLITICAL DECISIONS. PERU REP ENDORSED THESE REMARKS AND URGED SUBCOMMITTEE PRODUCE DOCUMENT IN WHICH MAIN TRENDS OF THOUGHT ARE CLEARLY IDENTIFIED. HE SAID WG SHOULD BE FLEXIBLE AND USE ITS TIME AS IT THOUGHT BEST, INCLUDING ALLOWING TIME FOR WORK OF SMALL DRAFTING GROUPS TO PREPARE PROPOSALS FOR WG, AND FOR DELEGATES REPRESENTING MAIN POLITICAL TRENDS TO MEET. FOR THIS

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PURPOSE, WG SHOULD YIELD TIME AND MAKE AVAILABLE

SECRETARIAT FACILITIES INCLUDING INTERPRETATION.

2. USSR REP SAID IT APPEARED WG OF SUBCOMMITTEE I HAD MORE MEETINGS SCHEDULED THAN WG OF SC II AND SAID HE HOPED ONE WG WOULD NOT MAKE MORE PROGRESS AT EXPENSE OF OTHERS. HE EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS MIGHT TAKE PLACE OF WG AND SAID HE WOULD NOT RECOGNIZE DECISIONS OF SUCH INFORMAL GROUPS.

3. BARZIL REP AGREED WG NEEDS FLEXIBILITY AND SHOULD ATTEMPT TO PREPARE CLEAR ALTERNATIVE TEXTS, NOT COMMON TEXT. HE URGED THAT WG AVOID DISCUSSIONS ON SUBSTANCE BUT INSTEAD ENGAGE IN PRECISE DRAFTING. HE SUGGESTED IT TRY TO REDUCE NUMBER OF ALTERNATIVE TEXTS TO MINIMUM, NO MORE THAN TWO OR THREE. HE URGED TIME SHOULD BE GIVEN VARIOUS GROUPS SO THAT THOSE WITH COMMON VIEWS COULD PRODUCE COMMON TEXTS, AND FOR THAT PURPOSE THERE SHOULD BE INFORMAL MEETINGS OF COMMON INTEREST GROUPS. HE EXPRESSED HOPE USSR REP WOULD NOT REFUSE CONSIDER TEXT PRODUCED BY SUCH INFORMAL GRPOUPS.
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